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It was very clear to me that the suit in the first place was not only to punish Microsoft but to help those companies unable to compete in the first place because of their reluctance to provide a unified product to the public. We never the learned the lessons from VHS vs Beta nor Columbia vs RCA protocols for 33 rpm recording etc etc etc. As I have personally discovered multiple OS and software protocols hinder my freedom by prohibiting sending pictures of school projects to parents in other parts of the world. Tithe school I work at uses Apple protocols and most industry and parents in the world use Microsoft based OS and software. The suit was partisan on the part of the government in the first place. A better approach would be the separation of browsers from OS but allowing free installation to users at the time of purchase. I have always used both IE and Netscape as needed - there are no issues. I think Microsoft products need to be better NOT limited by government. Bill Gates also needs to help others in the country more (vis a vis the latest school imitative) Don't make life tougher for me the public because some people (industries & companies) need the government to run corporate as well as private lives.